

E-015/RP-92-485 ORDER ALLOWING INTERVENTION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the 1992
Resource Plan Filing by
Minnesota Power

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 2, 1992, Minnesota Power (MP) filed its resource plan pursuant to Minn. Rules, parts 7843.0100 to 7843.0600.

On July 23, 1992, the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of the Attorney General (RUD-OAG) filed a petition to intervene as of right.

On August 28, 1992, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) filed a petition to intervene as of right.

On October 2, 1992, the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. (ILWA) filed a petition to intervene in this matter.

On November 4, 1992, the Commission issued an Order granting ILWA's petition.

On October 30, 1992, the Eveleth Taconite Company, Eveleth Expansion Company, Hibbing Taconite Company, Inland Steel Mining Company, National Steel Pellet Company, and USX Corporation (the Taconites) filed a petition to intervene in this matter.

On November 12, the Commission met to consider the Taconites' petition.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Minn. Rules, Part 7843.0300, subp. 7, parties other than the Department, the RUD-OAG, and the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) must support their petitions to intervene with a showing that they are "interested persons" within the meaning of the rule.

In their petition, the Taconites stated that the disposition of the issues raised in this proceeding will affect their future electric service and that their interests are unique because they collectively purchase one-half of the electricity sold at retail by MP.

Having reviewed MP's resource plan, the Commission finds that the Taconites have sufficient stake in the outcome of the issues therein to be considered "interested" within the meaning of the resource planning rule. Accordingly, the Commission will grant the companies' petition to intervene.

ORDER

1. The Taconites' petition to intervene in this matter is granted.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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